

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Delete the paragraph on page 1 under "Cross Reference to Related Applications" added in the Second Preliminary Amendment mailed March 11, 1999 and enter the following new paragraph:

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This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/778,503, filed January 3, 1997, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,863,201, which is a complete application claiming the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/009,592, filed January 4, 1996, and which is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/607,903, filed February 27, 1996, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,876,453, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/351,204, filed November 30, 1994, now abandoned. --

REMARKS

Claims 11-50 are currently pending.

The Examiner indicated that "the continuing data is not clear because it references 09/650,594 and a PCT application which are not clearly part of the filial chain as being parent continuing applications." As suggested by the Examiner, the continuing data has been replaced and now omits related U.S. Application No. 09/650,594 and PCT Application PCT/US95/15576.

The Examiner indicated that the Declaration is defective because it "fails to identify the parent applications which are now